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SUBJECT Printing of New German Currency

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1. Bank notes which are now being printed by a special crew at Giesecke & Devrient, Leipzig, are safeguarded by very strict security measures. The part of the building in which the work is done is closely guarded by Russian civilian and military personnel, and several Russian guards who are well informed on every detail of the work are stationed in every workroom. Material is escorted by a heavy guard when it leaves the shop, and German employees are searched when leaving work at the end of the day.

2. That a new currency issue is intended by the Russians is indicated by a report [redacted]

On 27 November 1947, seventy steel crates fastened with lead seals were brought to the building of the former Potsdam City Bank in closely-guarded Russian army trucks and were deposited in the bank vaults. They had arrived in a sealed freight car at the Potsdam freight yards and were unloaded and transported under heavy guard. The crates, which were similar to those formerly used by the Reichsdruckerei for transporting banknotes, were marked (in Russian letters): SOVET/ROS/SOSTOS/KOMITET(COBET/POC/COCTOS/KOMITET). [redacted] 00 40 70 79. [redacted] the crates contained new German currency.

3. The vaults of the former Potsdam City Bank are also used for the deposit of silver ingots seized in Germany. A shipment of silver ingots with the stamp of the former German Reichsbank, totaling about two tons, was shipped to Russia on 25 or 26 November 1947, from the Potsdam vaults.

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